Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware that there are two mills then?

Mr. President: Order, Order. The Hon'ble Member's speech in his reply on behalf of the Government is very indicative that he has no detailed information on the subject. When questioned for further information, he has asked for notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We want to show the hollowness continued in the demand for notice, Sir.

Mr. President: Order, Order. If a Member of the Government asks for notice when a question is asked, Hon'ble Members must accept that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is in a position to tell the House what the difficulty is with regard to the supplying of paddy to the two mills in Thiruvilwamala?

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is merely repeating the question in another form.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am not Sir, repeating the question at all. The word Thiruvilwamala is there. If I am not to put questions I do not. I am only asking whether the Government had any difficulty in supplying paddy to the two mills at Thiruvilwamala.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Did the Government make any enquiries whether the two mills.....

Mr. President: Order, Order. I think the Hon'ble Member must leave the point. The reply on behalf of the Government is very indicative that he cannot answer questions without notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* That is with regard to the Mills.

Mr. President: That was with regard to the mills at the particular place and the reason why they have not been entrusted with the milling of the paddy.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We can only be sorry Sir, about such a Government.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* May I know to which all places rice milled in Pudukkad Mills is distributed.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is the rice milled in Pudukkad sent back to Thiruvilwamala, Pazhayannur, etc.?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Generally the rice is distributed in the neighbouring areas.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have you made a list of all the mills in the State capable of milling?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. It was given on a previous occasion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether there are any mills which are not utilised for the purpose?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes. There are some.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വടക്കാഞ്ചേരിയിൽനിന്നു നെല്ലു പഴയന്നൂക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. പഴയന്നൂരിൽനിന്നു നെല്ലു പുതുക്കാട്ടേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതു പിലവു ചുരുക്കുവാനാണൊ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* As far as possible the movements are restricted to the minimum but sometimes it becomes absolutely necessary.

MONEY SPENT ON THE SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

144. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the amount of money spent by Government in the Department of Food Supplies in the year 1118 and 1119 up-to-date;

(*b*) have the accounts of 1118 been audited as yet?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Spplies):*

(*a*) The total expenditure up-to-date cannot be furnished. The expenditure for 1118 is Rs. 1,77,35,907—7—0 and the amount drawn in the first 4 months of 1119 is Rs. 1,19,52, 162—12—5.

(*b*) Yes. A good portion of the work has been completed.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir to which portion the answer "The total expenditure up-to-date" is supplied?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* To sub-division (a).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know Sir, with regard to sub-division (b) when the audit process was started with regard to the account of 1118?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Soon after the year was closed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Can we have a more definite answer Sir, with regard to the time, say in which month? It has been stated by the Hon'ble Member for Civil Supplies that the audit was started soon after the year was closed. I seek to enquire Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member is in a position to give the House a more precise answer. By way of illustration I submit either in the month of Chingam, Kanni, or Thulam?

Rao Sahib M. M. Panl *(Director of Food Supplies):* Roughly in the month of Chingam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what is the strength of the staff that is employed in this process of auditing?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There is a special audit officer and three auditors.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* When do the Government hope to finish the audit work of 1118 with regard to Rs. 1,77,35,907—7—0?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* After about three months, we hope to close it.

145. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the actual cost of establishment per month for the Supply Department for the run of the *Establishment* alone;

(*b*) the approximate amount invested in purchasing grain for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) The cost varies every month. The average cost including Dearness Allowance per month during the 1st 4 months of 1119 is Rs. 20,098—15—9.

(*b*) The approximate amount advanced for the purchase of grain for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Thulam of 1119 (August 17th to November 16th) is Rs. 64,58,700. It is difficult to state the exact amount spent out of this towards the purchase of grain in these months since the accounts of foreign purchase for these months have not been fully received.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know Sir, whether the cost will be varying on the line of going down or going up after these four months?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The cost goes up. The present average is a little higher.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the transactions for 1118, Rs. 1,77,35,907—7—0 has been spent?

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is one question behind.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The cost of establishment comes in this question also?

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member wishes to study the question paper, he must sit and study the questions.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* The question is whether in the monthly accounts there is loss or gain in the transaction.

Mr. President: That arises out of question 144. We have come to question 145.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* After deducting the cost from the income of the Department, is there a profit?

Mr. President: Order, order. Will the Hon'ble Member kindly resume his seat?

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STIPENDS—GRANT OF

146. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of Scholarships, Stipends and Prizes awarded by Government to pupils in High Schools and the students of the Colleges in the State whose optional or second language are,

i. Sanskrit?
ii. Any Language other than Sanskrit?
iii. Arabic?
iv. Hebrew?

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